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My name is Kaitlyn Curran and I teach English at Hartford Public High School. I am writing today in support of Raised Bill 948, An Act Addressing Education Funding and Racial Equity in Connecticut. As a Connecticut public school educator, I have seen firsthand the impact that funding inequity has had on my students.

My students are constantly harmed by the lack of resources and funds in our budget to provide wrap-around services for them. This bill would help service the WHOLE child and provide them with a holistic educational experience That's why I believe this bill must be passed. Funding inequities across and within our schools are preventing our students--particularly English Language Learners, students of color, and children from low-income families--from getting the excellent education they deserve.

Connecticut students have faced unprecedented hardship over the past year, and cannot wait multiple years to attend a fully-funded school.